

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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2. Malaysia

a. Tunku Rahman apparently would be willing to postpone formation of Malaysia for a few weeks to allow U Thant time to "assess" opinion in North Borneo. He sees this as a small enough price to pay in return for Philippine and Indonesian recognition of Malaysia.

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3. Angola

a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a shipment
of arms has arrived [REDACTED] at
Matadi [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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c. Though the rebels still
need food, money, and training, they
have needed guns more, and will now
probably expand the fighting, which
the Portuguese have in recent months
been able to contain.

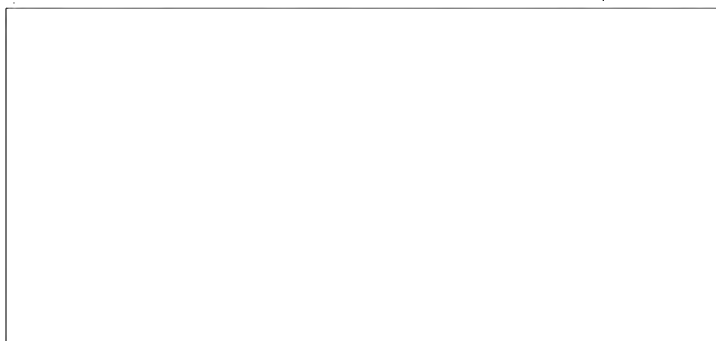
4. Panama-USSR

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5. Cuba.

a. Anibal Escalante, the old-line Cuban Communist who fell out with Castro early last year, suddenly turned up at the Cuban Embassy in Paris

and announced he would soon be returning with his family to Cuba.

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b. He has been living in obscurity in Moscow for more than a year.

c. We can only assume that the Soviets have persuaded Castro of the desirability of working more closely with veteran Cuban Communists. Certainly Castro could use Escalante's considerable talents as an organizer in his effort to develop an efficient political machine.

6. UAR - Saudi
Arabia

a. The Saudis have now told us and the UN of the UAR bombing attack

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b. They are not precise about the location, saying only that it was east of Nejran (which is on the coast) and definitely inside their territory "perhaps as much as 50 kilometers."

c. The Saudis describe this development as "more against America than Saudi Arabia" and have asked us to fly F-100 patrols over the area.

NOTES

- A. Iraq [redacted] several nationalist and pro-Nasir groups are plotting with army elements to overthrow the Baathist regime [redacted]
- B. West Berlin - USSR The Soviets are moving ahead rapidly with plans to underline their presence in West Berlin by establishing a central office and cultural complex at a property which they own but have so far not used in the British sector. We have learned [redacted] that they hope to have construction completed by the end of October. [redacted]
- C. British Honduras Ambassador Bell reports the Guatemalans would like to talk the British Honduras question over with London. They would be amenable to working things out gradually in order to avoid any difficulties with Mexico, which also has a claim. Guatemala's behavior so far and its reported plans to break commercial relations with London have, however, set matters moving in the opposite direction.
- D. Bolivia Leaders of the tin miners, having rejected the government's proposals for reforming the industry, are reported to have called for a general strike. We have as yet no indication whether their plans still include a "march on La Paz."

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E. Central America - Cuba Another meeting of top Central American officials to discuss the Cuban threat apparently will be held early this month.

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